

Felix Mitchell: Part 1

Felix Mitchell was born August 23, 1954.ⁱ He “was raised in poverty in [East Oakland's](#) 69th Ave. San Antonio Village Housing Projects.”ⁱⁱ “Mitchell admired the local drug dealers—they had the money, big cars and fine women. He wanted to be like them. This would be his escape.”ⁱⁱⁱ Mitchell dropped out of high school, vowing to escape poverty.^{iv}

Felix Mitchell: Part 2

“Using his natural affinity for networking and organization, Mitchell assembled a backing crew of notorious criminals and dubbed them the '69 Mob'...Using the strength of this new association, he connected himself to drug suppliers, runners and dealers throughout California and Detroit, Michigan. By the beginning of the 1980s, Mitchell had created...a robust heroin empire, and used Oakland's 65th and 69th Avenue San Antonio Villa Housing Projects as his centers of operations...At the height of his reign, he was earning \$400,000 to \$1 million a month in drug-related income. As the head of a lucrative business, Mitchell loved the high life, and cultivated flamboyant tastes. He owned costly European cars, threw lavish parties, bought expensive clothing and jewelry, and transformed himself into an Oakland folk hero. He was also known for his philanthropic efforts, and donated time and funds to local youth and community programs.”^v “He sponsored local athletic programs for youths, financing their equipment and uniforms, and regularly held barbecues for the entire neighborhood. On one occasion Mitchell reportedly hosted a busload of children on a field trip to Marine World Africa U.S.A. Whatever his crimes, Felix Mitchell was able to secure the ongoing respect of his partners and clients, and was spoken of very highly by all who knew him personally.”^{vi}

Felix Mitchell: Part 3

“Mitchell's success didn't go unnoticed, and other parties also showed a strong interest in controlling the Bay Area's heroin supply. The 69 Mob faced constant attacks from opposing gangs, including Funktown USA (as headed by Harvey Whisenton) and The Family (helmed by Mickey Moore). Conflicts were frequent [and] violent...In August of 1980, rivalries came to a head. In the course of three days, police uncovered six murders linked to the ongoing gang war between the 69 Mob and The Family. Police dubbed the incident 'Bloody August,' and focused their resources on finding and apprehending Mitchell. He was eventually captured and arrested, and in 1985, he was sentenced to life in prison. A year later, on August 26, 1986, while serving out his term at Leavenworth Penitentiary, he was stabbed to death by a fellow inmate.”^{vii} His death came several days before his thirty-second birthday.^{viii}

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